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 Form 424B3  
 March 07, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 23  
 DATED: February 28, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 3/6/2001      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 3/6/2002      CUSIP#: 073928TE3

Option to Extend Maturity: No   
 Yes       Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----<br>N/A  | -----<br>N/A        | -----<br>N/A               | -----<br>N/A                |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:      Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Commercial Paper Rate      Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Federal Funds Rate      Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Treasury Rate      Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters      Interest Payment Date(s): \*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 5.695%      Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

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Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.195%

\* On the 6th of June, September, December and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.